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August 23, 2002

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch Office of the Secretary Federal Communications Commission 445 12th Street, S.W. Washington, D.C. 20554

RE: CC DOCKET NO. 96-45

Dear Ms. Dortch:

In connection with its annual universal service fund data submission, Kennebec Telephone Company, Kennebec, South Dakota (SAC 391668), hereby provides written notice that it meets the 14 percent telecommunications plant in service trigger for period year end December 2001 and is eligible for safety net additive support.

Respectfully submitted,

KENNEBEC TELEPHONE COMPANY

Rod Bowar

President/Manager

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